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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
ANDREAS BOMMARIUS, ET AL. : EXAMINER: PATTERSON, C.
SERIAL NO: 09/973,712 :
FILED: OCTOBER 11, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1652
FOR: ACETYL AMINO ACID RACEMASE FROM AMYCOLATOPSIS
ORIENTALIS FOR RACEMIZING CARBAMOYL AMINO ACIDS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated April 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendment appears on page 5 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.

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